

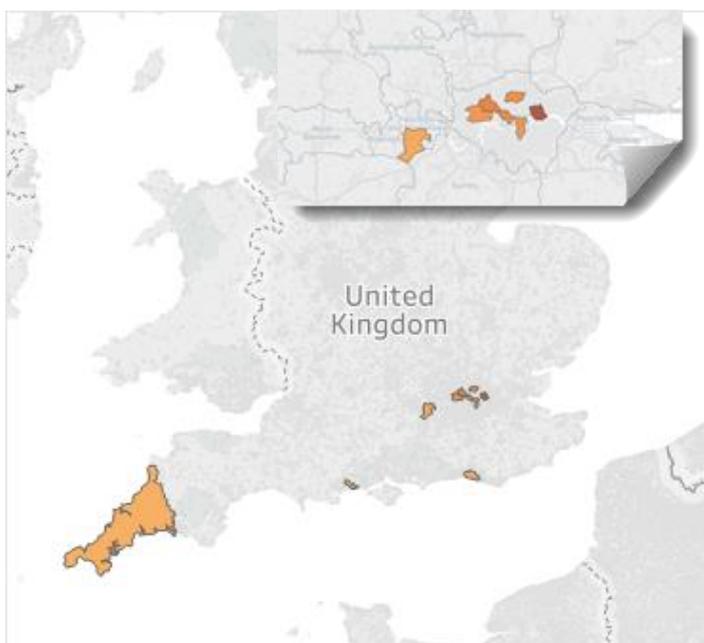
Development Management insights 5 - Does London has the most troublesome issues with enforcement?

We've been working hard with a number of LPAs recently looking to improve the Development Management (DM) process in local authorities and a few things have struck us. This short series of mini insights highlights just a few points that we hope might help others looking at improving efficiency, effectiveness and outcomes from DM.

Insight

In general, those LPAs with the greatest amount of development activity have the largest number of enforcement cases. But taking this into account, most of those who have more enforcement cases than expected are in London.

Analytics



Authorities with more enforcement cases than expected based on application volumes

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'Excess' enforcement



and then looked to see who has more than their fair share.

Looked at this way, 7 of the 10 authorities with the greatest difference between expected enforcement cases and actual enforcement activity are in London with another in the London outer rim.

What is it about London that is generating so many enforcement cases? Is this to do with a more cavalier approach by developers in London or is this to do with more resources and political pressures

Firstly, we took the volume of enforcement cases across England in the year to June 2017. The number of cases varies hugely from one LPA to the next but we wanted to know more about this.

It turns out that the number of planning applications an LPA receives is a simple but very good predictor of the number of enforcement cases. This fits with intuition since the number of applications is in some ways a measure of how much 'stuff' is being built and the 'build-iest' places might be expected to have the most issues with enforcement. But there are some exceptions. With a little mathematical jiggery pokery we predicted how many enforcement cases each LPA would be expected to have given application numbers

being applied to enforcement in some places than others? We suspect it's a combination of the two but we'd love to hear from LPAs what you think.

Application

Predicting the number of enforcement cases an LPA 'should' have is quite easy and reliable. This might assist in establishing the level of resources or if an LPA has particular issues to deal with when it comes to enforcement.

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